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NO RIGHT TO DESPAIR

Nelson C. Dreier

Minister

Not long ago I was riding on a train when I picked up News Week magazine and found this paragraph: "Not for many years has there been such grave apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable. In France the political caldron seethes with uncertainty. All energies and resources of the British Empire are sorely tried. Russia hangs on as usual like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe. It is a solemn moment. No man can feel an indifference to the issues of events of our own troubles in the United States. No man can see the end.' Those words were written anc printed in Harpers Weekly, October 10, 1857. They sound mighty contemporary. All thinking people feel weighed down under the load of apprehension and uncertainty.

We can thank God for our Christian faith and for the church—God's instrument for bringing men into fellowship with himself. Christians can be apprehensive but they have no right to despair. We believe that in the long run of history the way of life that has come to us in the life and spirit and teachings of Jesus will prevail. This is delayed by our inadequacy and neglect, but we are confident that God will work out his purposes one day. We can thank God for Christian experience—that assurance in our own hearts and lives that he cares for us and that in Jesus Christ he does make himself known to us if we are responsible. People as well as nations find themselves sorely tried. Physical breakdown, nervous exhaustion, moral irresponsibility, mental disorders and spiritual bewilderment point to the need for poise and confidence. We tend to try to carry the load the the world on our shoulders. We undertake to accomplish more than God ever intended. Not content to do a days work we carry our burdens to bed with us at night. God only expects of us what we are prepared to carry. One day's work at a time. A bit of selection so we choose the important concerns and turn a deaf ear to the unimportant will take off the pressure. Giving ourselves to the accomplishment of truly worthy and Christian work will bring satisfactions that will far outweigh the strain of the effort.

The Lenten Season, leading up to Easter, is a great time for Christian people. Here we find help. Encouragement to meditation and prayer, reading the Bible and the disciplines of worthy Christian action can bring us into fellowship with Jesus Christ. He will lead us to a deeper sense of our dependence upon God. He will help us to gain the confidence of victory though the going at times seems difficult. Turn to the church in these days and thank God for the Christian faith she represents. She will help you to newness of life as the love of Christ controls you and you realize that you are in partnership with God. There can dawn on you in these days the confidence that Christians now as in first century times are the people who "hold the world together."

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

KELLOGG . . .

Activities are going forward under the leadership of Rev. B. C. Herrick at the Federated church. During the month of February the Women's Groups had special stewardship emphases in their programs including the use of the film, The Hidden Heart.

Members of the senior high youth fellowship have been making a special study of our work at the East Harlem Protestant Parish in New York City, and are now collecting toys and other athletic equipment for this project. They also visited the Temple Emmanuel in Spokane, and renewed their acquaintance with Rabbi Albert Plotkin. Members of the junior high fellowship are busy preparing for the entertainment of the eastern Washington - northern Idaho regional conference of junior high fellowships.

TACOMA, First . . .

The third annual choir festival of the First Congregational Church is being presented on Sunday, February 28th, and again on Sunday, March 7th. The choir, directed by Harold Trotter, presents selections from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and "St. Paul." The Rhythmic choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Fisk, presents three numbers: "Ruth and Naomi," from the oratorio by Cesar Franck; "The Lord's Prayer," by Malotte; and "Vision of the Church Eternal," by Messiaen.

The new program of church-time interest groups for primary and junior age children continues to go forward. The groups include a junior choir, story telling, art, music listening, reading group, and a rhythm band.

Miss Alice Cary, Secretary for the Far East work of The American Board, was guest of the church in February, and was honored at a special tea.

COLVILLE . . .

The activities of the First ch during the year have been along service lines. The parsonage been redecorated and a new se of china and a serving cart chased for the church dining r A thirty pound shipment of dered milk has been sent to Paul Pruitts in the Philipp through the Friendly service gram of the Women's Fellowsh

The Keystone Fellowship sponsored each month an chapel "Coffee Hour" to incr the fellowship of the church.

Other activities continue, th the church is without full-time isterial leadership at the pre time.

WALLACE . . .

Members of the Wallace ch accepted at their annual meetin program of advancement for next five years, comparable to past five in the life of their ch Some important items in the gram include the bringing of Colony Plan into increased a ity; an intensive effort to e men and women into a vigo Visitation program; the securin a manse; a building committe direct the fellowship into a rea tion of more adequate facilities establish a building fund; an bring into the service of the ch someone to direct the youth w and assist with more of the w of the minister. Rev. Elmer No is minister.

PRIEST RIVER . . .

Rev. Roy Ramquist rep through "The Parish Visitor" increased activities of the var groups of the Priest River ch The church school continues u the leadership of Mrs. Badraum, the two youth fellowships are tive. A Junior choir has been ganized and will be responsible presenting a special number on

FRANKLIN ELLIOTT

onth. The Women's Fellowship has anned and announced its program r the year, and is outstanding for e various projects and activities ey are undertaking.

ACOMA, Pilgrim . . .

"Ye Town Crier," the voice of lgrim church, through the efforts Rev. Ted Hastings, reports a pro-essive annual meeting, with the oof by unanimous vote to have a mmon budget from which all ex-nditures in behalf of the church ll be made; to revise the Consti-tion and by-laws to meet the con-mporary needs; to ask all organi-tions to emphasize study of our ristian World Mission program; d to have the Planning and Strat-y committee bring plans for an fective community survey; and to lopt the budget.

This accent on service is already evidence — the Women's groups ve voted to devote the third Mon-y of each month to assisting with e program of the Tacoma Council Churches Servicemen's Center; e Men's Club has decided to help nd as many boys and girls to mp as can go this summer; and e various groups have made sub-antial pledges to the budget of the urch.

WALLA WALLA . . .

Members and friends of the First Congregational Church rejoice in the selection of Rev. Franklin R. Elliott as the new minister of the church. Mr. Elliott comes to Walla Walla from the responsibility of associate minister of the Winnetka Congregational Church, Winnetka, Illinois, where he has served for the past four years. A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Elliott is a graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary and has received special training in the field of radio. He has served student and summer pastorates in Wisconsin and Nebraska, and was full-time minister of the Congregational Church in Blue Island, Illinois.

There are three children in the Elliott family; two girls and a boy. Mrs. Elliott is a native of Chicago.

The Elloitts began their pastorate in Walla Walla on February 15th. We are delighted to welcome them into our conference fellowship.

OLIVET, Seattle . . .

A reception for Rev. and Mrs. Theron A. Zimmerman and daughter, Janet, was held at the church on January 10th. Mr. Zimmerman assumed his duties as a member of the Conuference Staff on January 15th. They have served the Olivet church for the past five years. A gift of matched luggage was presented on behalf of the congregation.

Rev. Olaf A. Stoeve, recently of Boulder City, Nevada, and presently in business in Seattle, is serving as interim minister. The Pulpit Committee is at work endeavoring to secure leadership for the church.

KIRKLAND . . .

"Fireside Services" are being held on January 31st, February 7th, and February 14th at the Kirkland church to consider future plans for the church. Proposed plans to be discussed by the members include the Parish Colony System; two services each Sunday; and two sessions of the church school.

VERADALE . . .

Two members of the Community Church have been installed as Life Deacons of the church. Mrs. Burr Allen, who has been active in the church school as well as other capacities; and Mr. R. B. Grove, now serving as church clerk.

Other fellowship groups, such as the Young Adult Bible Study group, the Couples Club, the youth and women's fellowships have announced active programs for the spring. Rev. Frank Sturtevant is minister.

IONE . . .

The Ione church now has a new illuminated church sign and bulletin board attached to the front of the building. The church bought the inner board and letters, and the housing was built by contributed labor.

The congregation divided its annual meeting into two parts this year. At the first meeting on January 13, progress was made on a new constitution for the church, and a budget of $4,918 was adopted. This represents an increase of more than $1,250 over the 1953 budget, the major difference being the fact that the Ione church is now paying the minister's full salary instead of one-half, as was the case when the parish was yoked with Metaline Falls, up until the beginning of 1954.

The second meeting was held on January 27th. Officers were elected, reports were presented, and the remaining annual business was taken care of. The church looks forward to a year of broadening and deepening growth. Rev. Carl Baird is minister.

FERNDALE . . .

Recognition services for Rev. Hendrick Martynse, new minister of the United Church, were held on Sunday, February 14th. Mr. Martynse came to the United Church in January from a pastorate in Loomis, California. Dr. Archie H. Hook and Rev. Ernest F. Harold participated in the service.

GREEN LAKE, Seattle . . .

An all-parish visitation prog is planned for the Green Lake lowship from February 28th thro March 7th. The purpose will be of visiting the homes of the pa with an invitation to attend special Lenten services, sharin copy of "The Fellowship of Pray and the program of the church

February 14th was set aside day of fellowship and acquainta with some 30 foreign students attending the University of Wa ington. These students were en tained in the homes of the pa and shared in the services of ship.

The monthly family pot-luck pers feature various organizati and their work. In February Social Action Committee was sponsible for the program. A week Bible study group began January, under the leadership of minister, Rev. Stanley Anderso

FAUNTLEROY, Seattle . . .

Activities of fellowship and in mation characterize the program the Fauntleroy church. The So Action Committee sponsored in

Canvassers for the special Building campaign at the White Salmon church pictured above. This campaign, condu by the Wells organization, was very cessful and the church now looks for to additional facilities that will make sible a more adequate service to community. Rev. James O. Duffey is minister.

allers in the Every Family Visitation program of Keystone Church, Seattle, are pictured ove. Team captains included Glenn Battson, Laird Cameron, John Hall, Eugene arpe and Herbert Bacon. Mr. Jack Bentley was chairman of the visitation, which ersubscribed the pledge to Our Christian World Mission. Rev. Everett Hunt is pastor.

ary a community form on "Let's top Juvenile Delinquency." Judge illiam Long of the Juvenile Court d William Little of the Friends of outh were the two main speakers. n extensive question period had r. Gordon Hannaford of the West attle High School and Mr. A. einhold Karlstrom, case worker of e Associated Lutheran Welfare as source persons.

The Evangelism Committee anounces a "Fisherman's Club" which eets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday r the purpose of calling on the w friends of the church.

A Fauntleroy Orchestra has been ganized and brings together the usicians of the church every Tuesy. The Senior High Pilgrim Felwship recently sponsored an inrmal "Pops" concert, which feared in addition to the artists in the church, strawberry shortcake. Rev. Ernest Yarrow is the minister.

LAKEVIEW . . .

Installation services for Rev. Robert Livingston as minister of the Lakeview church were held on Sunday, February 7th. The Council meeting and a fellowship supper for the members and friends of the church were held prior to the service of installation. Rev. O. P. Shenefelt served as moderator. Others participating in the service included Rev. Paul Donavan, Rev. Ted Hastings, Rev. Chester Fisk, Rev. W. A. Moore, Mr. Rex Jordan, Miss Christine Skelton and Dr. Archie H. Hook.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston and family of three children were serving the church in Fairfield, Montana, prior to their acceptance of the call to Lakeview.

WAYS OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION, by Herman F. Reissig, current issue of Social Action magazine is aimed at the local church committee, very helpful for a committee really concerned with doing its job; 25c a copy. Order from 289 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. T. A. Zimmerman

Several weeks ago all state presidents and state Social Action chairmen received an excellent letter from Miss Lillian Gregory, associate executive of our National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women. I am glad to have this opportunity to share parts of her letter with you.

She begins, "By now you have all seen the Board of Review report. The December 28th issue of Advance contains an article, 'A Letter to the Churches from the Council for Social Action.' I am sure all of us who are concerned for the future of the church will read both of these items with interest and appreciation.

She then goes on to quote a letter from Dr. Ray Gibbons, executive of the Council for Social Action, which tells us what our Board worked out in November in New York after receiving the report of the Board of Review. "The Board of Review's report and the Council's Open Letter both bespeak integrity and stability. Such words not only reflect the Council's sense of churchmanship, but also the ability to rise above controversy. By giving this Open Letter the widest possible distribution as local presidents or key workers or chairmen of Social Action Committees you can render a real service to our denomination. In these days of conflicting thought patterns and ideologies, a social conscience may well be the distinctive contribution that our denomination has to give to the church universal."

It is my hope that each local women's group will secure copies of these two reports and see that they are presented to our fellowship. We need to be informed on this most important issue.

To give further information a series of area hearings are being held held throughout the country this spring, at the request of the General Council, where the cause of Social Action may be presented and the reaction of the people given.

WORK CAMPS, 1954

Through our National Pilgrim F lowship and the Congregatio Christian Service Committee, th are many valuable opportunities Christian service in the sumn months. Work camps are one w in which some members of y church, church school, or youth lowship can express, share a deepen their faith. A work ca is an informal, natural, and de cated group of young Christia paying their own way, and giv their time in service for others.

Four opportunities are offe this summer, which will be of terest:

1) At Delmo, Lilbourn, Missou where the project is that of enla ing a thrift shop, putting up a co munity building; and equipping a developing three playgrounds. In a dition to manual skills, campers w have opportunity to give leadersl in recreation, crafts, etc. Dates a from June 21-August 13; 6 bo and 6 girls needed; cost will be $

2) Fort Berthold, North Dakota July 8-August 21; for 9 girls a 10 boys; cost is $55.50; the wo project will be to help members the Fort Berthold Indian Reser tion in the relocation of a parsona and a church.

3) Hughson, California; July August 21; for 10 girls and 10 bo cost is $30 for the entire ti though for this camp only, perso may go for a shorter period, ev a week; the work is picking and d ing fruit, chiefly peaches and ap cots, to be processed and shipp overseas to areas of great need.

4) Luquillo, Puerto Rico; June August 2; for 5 boys and 5 gi cost $55.50; project is that of co struction of a playground.

The minimum age is 18, but m be modified in individual cases. A plications for all camps exce Hughson, should be sent to R Henry Rust, 14 Beacon Street, B ton 8, Mass. For Hughson only, se applications to Rev. George Li say, 2345 Channing Way, Berke 4, California.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On Sunday, March 28th, denom-
ıations will unite in the sixth an-
ual United Appeal for overseas re-
ef, rehabilitation and reconstruc-
on, in what is now known as "One
reat Hour of Sharing." Sponsored
y Church World Service the funds
ill be used for ministries to those
ı distress overseas.

In excess of $8,000,000 will be
ecessary in 1954 to sustain the
ork and projects supported by the
ppeals. Our Congregational Chris-
an fellowship contributed, last
ear, just over $150,000 for this
urpose, and our strong hope is that
his year we can so increase the
umber of participating churches
nd the number of donors within
ıe churches as to bring this total
p to $250,000 this year. This is not
special offering in the sense that
ıe proceeds are extra monies for
ıe ministries of Relief and Recon-
truction; on the contrary, the Re-
ef and Reconstruction budget is
uilt upon our expectation of these
eceipts and, in fact, is dependent
pon them.

Conditions in Areas of Need

In **KOREA** — at least 9,000,000
ersons, both refugees and others,
ıen, women and children, are in
esperate need. At least 400,000 are
idows, 100,000 are orphans, and
ıany of them roaming the country-
ıde hungry and homeless. All need
lothing, food, sheltetr, medicine and
ontinuing programs of rehabilita-
on.

In **INDIA**—although the autumn
f 1953 rainfall was almost normal,
ix successive years of drought and
emi-starvation have left their mark
n millions of people who need time
ı recover.

In the **NEAR EAST** — nearly a
illion people continue to exist on
eager doles, barely keeping alive
ı helpless squalor in caves, ragged
ents and other makeshift shelters,
ith clothing in tatters and chil-
ren unschooled.

In **PAKISTAN** — refugees and others suffer from drought and consequent food shortage.

In **EUROPE**—streams of hungry refugees from behind the Iron Curtain still make their way daily to the free European countries without possessions — some of them have been in camps for over six years.

In **HONGKONG** — about 300,000 refugees live in crude squatters' huts—they are destitute, with no regular employment and insufficient food and clothing. Added to this, a Christmas fire rendered 70,000 homeless, at least 15,000 family units.

In **OTHER AREAS** — provision must be made for emergencies that may spread distress, such as earthquakes, floods, fires, etc. Such emergencies in 1953 included the floods in Holland, in Japan, in Italy, the earthquakes in Greece and the holocaust in Pusan and Hongkong.

EVANGELISM MEETINGS

Four area meetings will be held from March 8-11, sponsored by the Evangelism Committee and the Christian Education Committee of the conference. These meetings will be for the purpose of considering with ministers and lay leaders in the field of church school, youth fellowship groups, and the summer conference program, the most effective ways and means of Evangelism with our young people.

Program Features

Rev. Henry R. Rust, National Secretary of the Youth Work of our denomination, will be guest leader for the meetings. The program will deal with the techniques of youth work, the resources available, and the best approaches of relating our youth to the life of the church and bringing them to a commitment of their lives to this cause.

The areas in which the meetings will be held are Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Pasco.

CSA HEARINGS

"How Shall Congregationali Speak?" is a question on wh each person has an opinion—so differing and some agreeing. C tainly it is desirable to have many members as possible parti pate in the process of determini the mind of our fellowship.

The General Council Execut Committee has asked the Coun for Social Action to conduct a ser of area meetings this spring to d cuss this question. Following t report of the Board of Review the Council for Social Action a its activities, the delegates to t General Council meeting this Ju will make some decision regardi its future. Thus the reason for t meetings, which will involve afternoon and evening.

The meeting for the Washingt Conference area will be held March 1 at the First Congregatio Church, Tacoma, beginning at 2 p. m. and continuing through t evening. Dr. Ray Walker, minis of the First Congregational Chur Portland, Oregon, and a member the Executive Committee of t General Council, will be chairm Dr. Herman Reissig, secretary International Relations for t Council for Social Action, will the resource leader.

The meeting will consider a sta ment of current social issues, p pared by the CSA for presentati to the General Council. It is hop that through the area meetings t delegates will go to the Coun meeting more informed, and t Council will have the benefit knowing the mind of those parti pating in the process of discussi The final statement of the Gene Council will help formulate the op ion of the National Council Churches and become the basis f any presentations to the gene public or to government.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

The months of March and April have special significance for junior high and senior high young people throughout our conference, for there will be three fellowship occasions for them.

Senior High Conference

The annual meeting of Pilgrim Fellowship is being held this year the weekend of April 2, 3, 4, at the First Congregational Church, Yakima, Washington. This conference will bring together some 250 people to share in the future plans of our youth work.

Mr. Marc Nathan of Almira is president of the group and will preside at the various meetings. The business of the conference will be that of electing officers for the new year, the adoption of a budget, receiving reports of activities, and the election of conference delegates to the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship which meets in June of this year in New Haven, Conn.

Highlighting the weekend will be the presentations of Dr. Martin L. Goslin, minister of Plymouth Church, Seattle. Dr. Goslin has participated in our summer youth conferences, and is regarded as an outstanding leader by our young people. His presentations will deal with the theme of the conference, "The Faith of a Guy." There will be opportunity for the young people to discuss the presentations and explore the area in a variety of ways.

Interest groups aimed at skills for the local groups will be of interest to the delegates. Dramatic presentations on the work of Pilgrim Fellowship, program plans for the year, impressive worship services, and experiences of fund and fellowship will combine a weekend to be remembered in Yakima.

The cost of the conference is $4.00, which includes registration and meals. Due to the limitation this year, each church is urged to register its official delegates as soon as possible. All registrations should be sent to Mrs. Robert Kennan, 210 South 16th Avenue, Yakima, Wash. An adult advisor must accompany each local group delegation.

Adult Advisors Group

A special feature of the annual Pilgrim Fellowship meeting will be special sessions for the Adult Advisors. Rev. John Gibson, Minister of Christian Education of Plymouth Church, Seattle, will serve as chairman of these sessions.

Junior High Conferences

Because of the increased interest on the part of junior high young people, and due to the limitations placed on the annual meeting of Pilgrim Fellowship, two additional and special conferences are being held in March. The March conferences are for junior highs only. They will be regional conferences, with the first one coming the weekend of March 12-14, at The First Congregational Church, Bellingham, Washington. The second one, for churches in the area of eastern Washington and northern Idaho, is scheduled for the weekend of March 19-21, at the Federated Church, Kellogg, Idaho.

Rev. Stuart Kimball of Tacoma is program chairman for the Bellingham conference, and Mr. Robert Nathan of Almira is serving in this capacity for the Kellogg conference.

The cost of each of these conferences is $4, which includes registration and meals. All registrations should be sent directly to the churches. Each local group must be accompanied by an adult.

"Into All the World" has been chosen as the program theme, and will feature study groups and presentations on the work of our church in India, Africa, Japan, the Philippines, the Near East, and the United States. Audio visuals, missionaries, and foreign students will bring inspiration and information.

Impressive worship services, sharing of local projects and activities, and special sight seeing activities will highlight the two weekends for the junior high young people.

SALUTE TO LA FORET

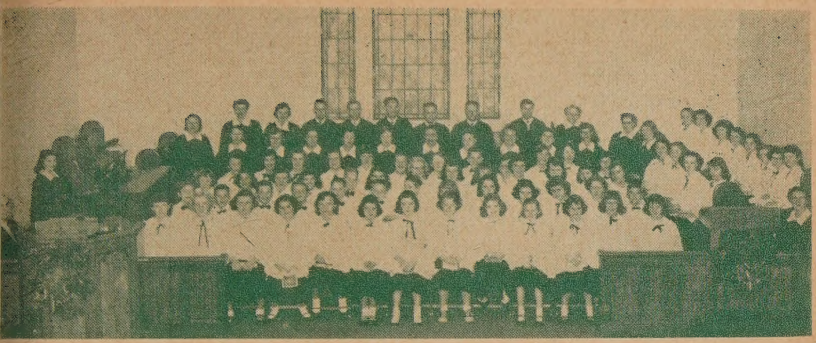
The Western Pastors' School held at LaForet, Colorado, each summer under the sponsorship of the Board of Home Missions has brought inspiration and refreshment to men throughout the area. Several men from the Washington Conference have taken advantage of this opportunity. We cite some of their responses.

REV. W. CARL CALHOUN of Bellingham, "First class leaders are provided each year for classes in a wide variety of interests, and the new friendships with ministers from all over the country provide an additional feature of lasting value. There is a freedom from pressure that makes the spirit of the school almost a leisurely one, with ample time for close personal association with everyone in the school, both members and faculty." **REV. FRANKLIN FORRESTER** of Richmond Beach, "It keeps a man in touch with the development of theological trends and gives an excellent opportunity for discussion of them with men who are scholars. The experience is rich in bringing us in touch with the best in worship materials and religious education methods. The experience at LaForet is a rare treat every man should take advantage of." **REV. EVAN DAVID** of Blaine, "Words cannot convey the deep satisfaction, benefits and blessings derived during the four weeks of close association of fellowship, study and recreation. This rare and enriching experience bears witness and fruit in a more effective and efficient message and ministry. The highest tribute and appreciation that can be paid by those who have attended, is the desire to return. If you have not attended, you owe it to yourself and to your church to take advantage of this unique refresher course." **REV. ELLEN BRADLEY** of Monroe, "It is an opportunity that not one of our ministers can afford to pass up. You will be refreshed and strengthened for greater service. You will be brought up to date i your thinking, your soul will be re freshed as you become a part o those communion services, and i the after days you will know tha you are not alone in this great tas which is ours. At LaForet you wi find relaxation for the body, refres ment for the mind, inspiration fo the soul—you cant' afford not t go."

Program for This Year

The school will be held from Jul 7 to August 4. Scholarships whic cover board and room and trans portation in excess of $15 are avai able to all who attend. Application are available from the conferenc office. Dr. Stanley U. North will b dean, and other faculty people wi be Dr. Allen Wehrli in the field o Old Testament and Dr. Walter Ma shall Horton for Theology. This yea a special provision has been mad to allow wives to attend. Mrs. How ard Stone Anderson will conduc special classes for the minister wives, and they will also be expecte to attend the other lectures. Wive however, must pay their own ex penses.

REV. WALTER PIERSON of El writes, "The searching of our way of worship, our manners of speec and our reading of God's word, hav helped me 'buy time' in my ministr in the years since I attended La Foret. One of the greatest blessing I received was a better glimpse o the spirit of Congregationalism a we fellowshiped together in th common task of study, recreatio and just living together." **REV GEORGE SCHUBERT** of Steila coom, "LaForet—a name that thrill my heart and puts a longing ther for the fellowship we shared. It wa to me what the gas station is t the automobile—a place of refil ing, for here one meets and come to know men who are great cou sellors, men who can break th bread of life and make it meat t the soul. Each church is great enriched by having its pastor at



usic is an important part of the life of the Kirkland Congregational church. Pictured ove are their three choirs—the members of the Junior, the Chapel, and the Chancel oirs. These groups, under the able leadership of Mrs. E. M. Gildow, with Mrs. William ole as organist, give special concerts throughout the year as well as being on call r the regular services of the church.

nd the LaForet school." **REV. C. STRAWMYER** of Bellevue, "My xperience at LaForet was one hich filled my soul with a great ource of power from on high. As a inister gives of himself year after ear, he must discover how to connually draw from the never-exaustible supply of spiritual rength. The greatest service any yman could do for his church ould be to see that his pastor atnds LaForet." **REV. PAUL SUTEY** of Pasco, "It gave me just the ft and inspiration I needed after eing out of seminary and in the inistry for five years. Also the ractical helps received in every rea of the work of a minister made e experience eminently worthhile." **REV. B. C. HERRICK** of ellogg, "Every man who has atnded LaForet comes away with overwhelming feeling that he as just had one of the greatest hristian experiences of his life. The llowship is superior to any fellowip I have known. It changed the hole tone and approach of my own inistry. It is an opportunity to fresh your own thinking and study ithout interruption, and the privige one has of sharing with the en of unusual ability is without ual." **REV. R. K. ANDERSON** of Ralston, "The experience is not a vacation, it is indeed a refresher course with instruction and direction under men who stand at the top of their profession, technically accurate and deeply spiritual with apt ability to present the practical in dealing with present day vital issues. A minister receives not just new equipment, but power is generated in that fine fellowship to make the implementation work."

MARCH EVENTS

March 1—Area meeting on CSA.

March 5- 7—UCYM conference, Wenatchee.

March 8-11—Henry Rust visits conference.

March 9-18—Allen Jones visits conference.

March 12-14—Junior High Conference, Bellingham.

March 14-28—Area meetings, Women's Fellowship.

March 16—Board of Directors.

March 19-21—Junior High Conference, Kellogg.

March 22-25—Bryant Drake visits conference.

March 27—P. F. Work Day for Church Building Loan Fund.

March 23-30—Ira Black visits conference.

NEWS BRIEFS

Friends of **Rev. and Mrs. Larry Henderson,** missionaries with The American Board in Lobito, Angola Africa, will be pleased to know of a new addition to their family—a son, Mark Woods ,born last November. The Hendersons, who served our church in Aberdeen prior to their mission service, are doing a marvelous work in Angola as our ambassadors of good will. Local groups can help their cause by making available to them Bible pictures, story books and materials needed for their educational progress.

Rev. Oswald Jefferson, minister of Pilgrim Church, Seattle, was elected President of the Pacific Coast Theological Conference at its annual meeting held in Vancouver, B. C. The meeting was held in January. This Conference brings together ministers and leaders from the Pacific Northwest for an experience of sharing theological ideas and information for a more effective ministry. Men of all denominations participate in this experience.

Dr. Archie H. Hook was the principal speaker at the Mid-Year Convocation and Inauguration of Dr. Charles J. Armstrong as president of Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon, on February 2. Dr. Armstrong began his responsibilities at Pacific University last fall, coming from the position of assistant administrator at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington.

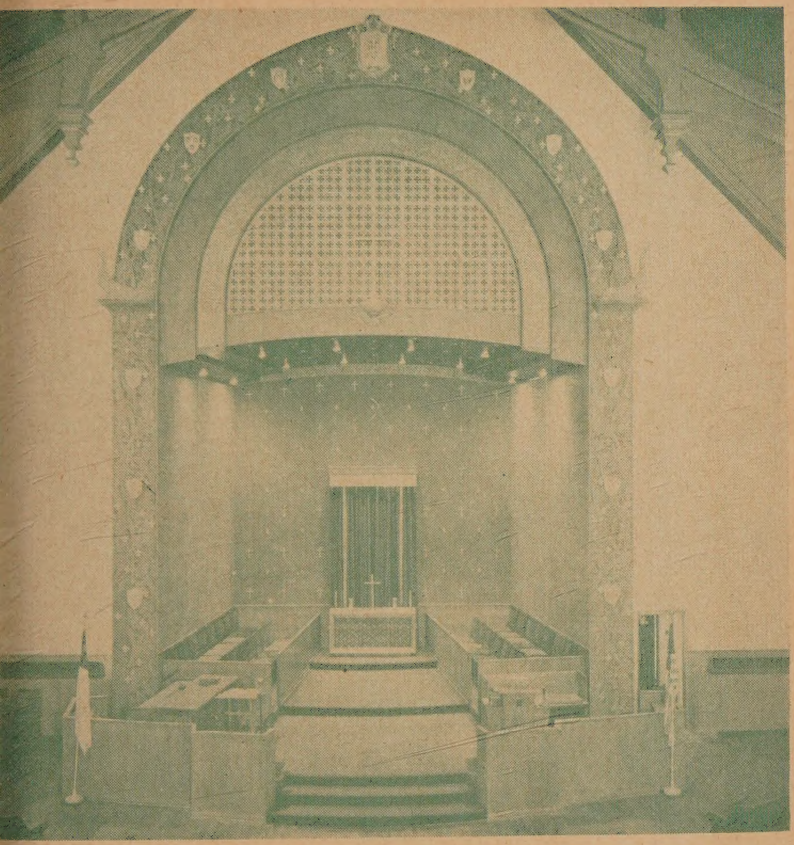
Dr. Stanley U. North will visit churches in our conference on behalf of the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign from February 28-March 4. It is hoped that the remaining amount necessary for the Washington Conference to reach its quota in this campaign will be forthcoming. The funds already received in this cause are at work making possible new churches in many of our fast growing communities.

DR. BRYANT DRAKE

Dr. Bryant Drake, Secretary the Department of Higher Educ tion of our national Division Christian Education, will visit o conference from March 22-25. I will visit the places where we ha work with college students, inclu ing Bellingham, the University Washington, Tacoma, Walla Wa and Pullman.

Rev. Allan Jones, director of Mo om Institute at Merom, Indiana, w visit our conference from March 18. His visit is being sponsored the Town and Country Committe and Mr. Jones will give counsel several of our churches whose mi istry is primarily in rural areas.

Miss Lillian Gregory, Associa Executive of the National Fello ship of Congregational Christi Women, will be the guest leader f the area meetings of our conferen women's fellowship this spring. T meetings are scheduled for Mar 14-28. Mrs. E. R. Madson, preside will also be present for the mee ings, and is in charge of the sche ule for Miss Gregory. Area dire tors are responsible for planni the programs.



'he annual meeting of the Washington Congregational Christian Con-
ence will be held on May 4, 5 and 6, in Spokane at the Westminster
ngregational Church.

Each church is entitled to two lay delegates and pastor, and an additional
egate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof, after the first
). In addition to the official delegates, each church is entitled to as many
sociate delegates as can attend the conference.

'he newly decorated sanctuary of Westminster Church will be of primary
erest to the delegates.

'he chancel arch facing has over-all sand carved vine and grape design
the "Tree of Life" motif. This rich ornamentation is a background for
shields and symbols of the twelve apostles. The side piers of the arch
crowned with peacock statuary, sympolic of the "Resurrection." The
or ornamentation of the arch is deep tones of Parma violet overlaid with
ique gold. The apostles' shields are aqua colored with antique gold sym-
ys. The dossal drape background for the altar is royal purple with gold
talic vertical banding.

Rev. Clement F. Hahn is the present minister.

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SUMMER CONFERENCES FOR 1954

Camp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho:

July 10-17: Senior Highs with Rev. David Julius as dean.
July 17-24: Junior Highs with Rev. Paul Sutley as dean.
July 24-31: Freshman Camp, with Rev. George Snyder as dean.
July 31-August 7: Women's Fellowship.
August 7-14: Family Camp with Mr. and Mrs. James Farnsworth deans.

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Gwinwood on Hick's Lake near Olympia, Washington:

August 8-14: Junior Highs with Rev. Paul Donavan as dean.
Gwinwood is the camp site of the Disciples of Christ fellowship western Washington. Located 5 miles from Olympia on the west of Hick's Lake. This will replace the Deception Pass period.

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Seabeck on Hood Canal:

August 16-23: Senior Highs with Rev. John Gibson as dean.